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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 24, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The three-month response period for responding to the non-final Office Action expired on November 24, 2007, which fell on a Saturday, thereby extending the three-month response period to November 26, 2007 (the first business day after November 24, 2007). Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 50-55 and 63-79 were pending in the subject application for the non-final Office Action mailed on August 24, 2007. Each of the pending claims has been rejected on various grounds. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.